



Serial No.: 10/018,672  
Docket No.: BM 45395

Remarks

Claims 28-50 were pending, and subject to a six (6) way Restriction Requirement.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I (claims 28, 30, 33, 35, 36, 39 and 44-45) drawn to a polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:2) and a method of use as a vaccine composition. Applicants elect the species of SEQ ID NO:2.

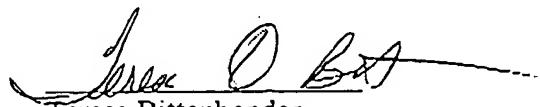
Closing Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Office Action and believe this response to be a full and complete response to such Office Action. Accordingly, allowance of the present claim is respectfully requested.

FEE DEFICIENCY

- If an extension of time is deemed required for consideration of this paper, please consider this paper to comprise a petition for such an extension of time; The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for any such extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.  
**and/or**
- If any additional fee is required for consideration of this paper, please charge Account No. 50-0258.

Respectfully submitted,



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